

SENATE BILL 1998

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AN ACT To make appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state government for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2000 and July 1, 2001, in the administration, operation and maintenance of the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the various departments, institutions, offices and agencies of the state; for certain state aid and obligations; for capital outlay, for the service of the public debt, for emergency and contingency; to repeal certain appropriations and any acts inconsistent herewith; to provide provisional continuing appropriations; and to establish certain provisions, limitations and restrictions under which appropriations may be obligated and expended. This act makes appropriations for the purposes described above for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2000 and July 1, 2001.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for a period not to exceed thirty-one (31) days commencing on and from July 1, 2001, there is appropriated to the various departments, agencies, institutions of higher education or any other institutions, entities and political subdivisions of state government a sum that is proportionately equal, for such thirty-one (31) day period, to the amounts specified in Chapter 994 of the Public Acts of 2000 for fiscal year 2000-2001. Such appropriation shall be subject to budgetary allotment procedures as provided by law and is made pending a general appropriations act becoming law.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for a period not to exceed thirty-one (31) days commencing on and from July 1, 2001, there is appropriated a sum sufficient to:

(1) Fulfill any statutory or constitutional obligation of the state to expend a sum certain for a particular purpose;

(2) Fulfill the terms of any contractual obligation entered into prior to July 1, 2001; and

(3) Fulfill the terms of any court order or any lawful settlement agreement or consent decree approved by the court having jurisdiction of the action in which the state is a party and has agreed to expend funds as a part of the court order, settlement agreement, or consent decree.

The commissioner of finance and administration, the comptroller of the treasury and the state attorney general and reporter shall certify to the state treasurer that any expenditures made pursuant to the provisions of this subsection comply with the provisions of this subsection.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for a period not to exceed thirty-one (31) days commencing on and from July 1, 2001, there is appropriated a sum sufficient to fulfill any debt service obligation of the state, its agencies, authorities or instrumentalities arising during such thirty-one (31) day period. Such appropriation shall be subject to budgetary allotment procedures as provided by law and is made pending a regular general appropriations act becoming law.

(d) In enacting this section, it is the intent of the General Assembly to make provisional authority to meet state obligations.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the

act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.